

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that claims 9-18 are allowed and that claim 19 is directed to allowable subject matter.

Claim 8 has been cancelled.

Allowable claim 19 has been incorporated into base claim 1, claim 19 being cancelled.

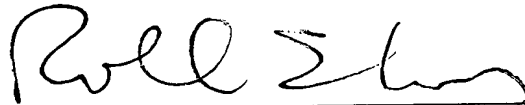
Allowance of claim 1 and its dependent claims are therefore solicited.

Only allowed or allowable claims remain. Applicant thus believes that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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